

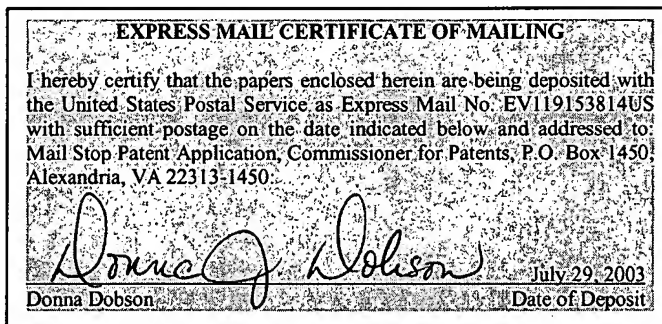
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Entry of the amendments presented herein prior to examination of the subject application is respectfully requested.